

Case No. CV-0512156

Dept. No. II

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WHITE PINE
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XTREME FAITH ACADEMY, INC., dba ABUNDANT LIFE
ACADEMY, a Utah corporation; ROBIN CROUCH and HIDDEN
CANYON RANCH, INC., a Nevada corporation,
Plaintiffs,

-vs

ROBIN LANDRY, ET AL.,

Defendants.

DEPOSITION OF

LARRY ROBB

Wednesday, April 18th, 2007

Reno, Nevada

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KATE MURRAY, CCR #599

Reported by:

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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that on Wednesday, April
2 18th, 2007, at the hour of 2:07 p.m., of said day at
3 the offices of OSBORNE, OHLSON & HALL, 555 South
4 Center Street, Reno, Nevada, before me, KATE MURRAY,
5 a notary public, personally appeared LARRY ROBB, who
6 was by me first duly sworn, and was examined as a
7 witness in said
cause.

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11 LARRY ROBB,

12 after having been duly sworn,
testified as follows:

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EXAMINATION

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BY MR. OHLSON:

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Q. What is your name?

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A. Larry Robb.

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Q. Is that your full name?

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A. Larry J. Robb.

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Q. No Lawrence?

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A. No.

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Q. What does "J" stand for?

A. John.

Q. Your date of birth?

A. 8/16/1963.

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A. All reporting parties are confidential. Q.

Even someone else who works in the
department?

A. Anyone that reports child abuse and
neglect remains confidential.

Q. Did you get some information from the Carson
City office in April 2005 regarding Abundant Life
Academy?

A. I had discussions with our Carson City
office, yes.

Q. With whom in your Carson City office?

A. Well, there were many discussions. I
believe I talked with the licensing bureau.

Q. Who did you first talk to about ALA?

A. In terms of the sequence, I don't recall. Q.
Did you directly report to Robin Landry
during the period of time about which we're
speaking?

A. Yes.

Q. What does that mean? Was she your
supervisor?

A. Yes.

Q. Did Ms. Landry inform you that there had
been an e-mail complaint regarding abuse and neglect
of children at the ALA facility?

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A. I don't recall.

Q. Were you asked by Ms. Landry to undertake an investigation of ALA?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you recall when that was?

A. Well, I think it was initiated around the 21st of April.

Q. 2005?

A. 2005.

Q. Okay. When you say, "It was initiated," you make it sound like somebody else did it?

A. The Ely office staff. I was not personally involved in the investigation on the 21st.

Q. Okay. You were not charged -- it was not your idea to form an interdisciplinary staff or team to investigate ALA?

A. The statute requires that we form a team to do those types of investigations.

Q. Did you form the team?

A. Working with the supervisor of the Ely office, a team was formed.

Q. Okay. I think it's a pretty direct question. Were you responsible for forming the team

in your
official
capacity?

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1 A. I believe before when you asked me, it

2 was prior to my going down there, and no, that had
3 not occurred.

4 Q. So that didn't happen? Tina Slaughter
5 spoke incorrectly when she testified that you
6 instructed her to shut ALA down and to take the
7 children into custody prior to the investigation?

8 A. Which investigation are you referring to?

9 Q. The beginning of the whole investigation,
10 the one that started with the interdisciplinary
11 team.

12 A. At the point that I got involved was on
13 the 23rd, and at that time, we went down to ALA and
14 toured the facility. Sunday, that discussion may
15 have occurred.

16 Q. Between you and Tina Slaughter?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And that would have been Sunday the 24th?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. What did you tell Tina Slaughter?

21 A. Well, there had been a series of phone

22 calls between myself and Ms. Landry about ALA, and
23 the administration either from Ms. Landry directly
24 who I spoke with, the decision was the kids needed
25 to be out of there. They were an
unlicensed

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1 Yeah, at that point, we were still talking about the
2 whole licensing issue, the fact they weren't
3 licensed, so -

4 Q. Do you agree with the judge's assessment

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7 In that sentence that I have just read?

MR. QUINN: Do you recall the sentence?
BY MR. OHLSON:

8 Q. I'll read it to you again.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. "On April 20th, 2005, social worker Tina
11 Slaughter was told by Larry Robb to take the
12 children from ALA into protective custody."

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. You did that?

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. "Apparently, this directive came from
17 Ms. Landry." Is that
18 true?

18 A. Correct, yeah.

19 Q. Okay. Another statement of the Court,
20 "Despite the clear mandate to investigate
21 allegations of abuse or neglect, this case appears

22 to be a situation where the actions of persons in
23 positions of authority improperly caused the removal
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25 Do you agree or not?

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8 Q. Let me ^{re}ad it ^{ag}al. Up to the ^{ti}me
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that you left, I understand that you don't know ^{wha}t
happened after that, and you left on the 26th?

10 A. 25th.

11 Q. "Despite the clear mandate to investigate
12 allegations of abuse or neglect, this case appears
13 to be a situation where the actions of persons in
14 positions of authority improperly caused the removal
15 of these children." Agree?

16 A. Yeah.

$\frac{1}{7}$ Q. Yes?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. "It is the opinion of the Court that much
20 of this was tainted by the questionable decisions,
21 communications, and conduct of CPS Rural Manager
22 Robin Landry." Do you
agree?

23 A. I can't argue with Judge Dobrescu. I
24 wasn't at the hearing.

25 Q. As far as you understand, up to the time

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(1 that you left on the 25th, do you agree that what the
(2 judge said is true?

3 A. Yes.

4 MR. OHLSON: Can we take a little break?

5 (Break taken from 1:01 p.m. to 1:14 p.m.)

6 MR. OHLSON: Back on the record.

7 Ms. Reporter, can the record reflect the time which we
8 took our break?

9 The record should also reflect when we took
1 0 our break, the witness retired with counsel privately.

1 1 BY MR. OHLSON:

1 2 Q. Sir, do you recall having a conversation on
1 3 or about the 20th of April with a parent of a child at
1 4 ALA, that parent being a person named David Hayes?

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17 A. I don't recall that.

18 Q. See if this refreshes your recollection.

19 Mr. Hayes was serving in the military and was In

20 Germany at the time of the conversation. The call
21 would have been to you, between you and him, he In 22
Germany and you wherever you were on the 20th?

23 A. I don't recall the conversation.

24 Q. Do you recall having a telephone

25 conversation with any parent during the time that

